

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/779,832

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the interview conducted on May 10, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15 and 17.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 17 February 2004 and 07 January 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for changes 1-4 in this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Tom Vesbit on May 10, 2005. Change 5 was noted subsequent to the interview, and represents correction of an obvious error.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. In line 5 of claim 15, insert - - an axis and a plurality of - - after "with";
2. In line 7 of claim 15, insert - - with an axis, said bezel assembly - - after "assembly";
3. In line 8 of claim 15, insert - - such that the axis of the bezel assembly can be tilted - - after "assembly";
4. In line 8 of claim 15, insert - - the axis of - - after "to"; and
5. In line 3 of claim 17, insert - - assembly - - after "bezel".

Claims 1-15 and 17 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Regarding claim 1, the prior art of record fails to show a dual-locked, torqued, error proofed for installation, chuck free helical head restraint guide including a head restraint guide assembly further comprising at least two stems, a button sub assembly, and bezel, the stems further comprising a helix at one end of each stem and a multi-point socket head, an open wrench flat, and/or an internal torx head and crush ribs at the other end, in combination with other specifically claimed features. Regarding claim 9, the prior art of record fails to show a single-locked, torqued, error proofed for installation, chuck free helical head restraint guide including a head restraint guide assembly further comprising at least one stem and a bezel assembly; said system further comprising a helix at one end of said stem and a multi-point socket head or open wrench flats and crush ribs at the other end, in combination with other specifically claimed features. Regarding claim 15, the prior art of record fails to show a head restraint guide including a bezel assembly with an axis, said bezel assembly adapted for installation in the stem, wherein the tracks are adapted to guide installation of the bezel assembly such that the axis of the bezel assembly can be tilted at a positive angle relative to the axis of the stem thereby ensuring proper alignment of the bezel assembly, in combination with other specifically claimed features.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

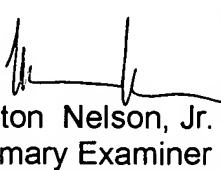
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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Milton Nelson, Jr. whose telephone number is 5712726861. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Wednesday, and alternate Fridays 5:30-3:00.

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